

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2759 - SB 2693**

March 6, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Enacts the Tennessee Cleaner Landscapes for the Economy, Agriculture, and Nature (CLEAN) Act.

Establishes the Tennessee CLEAN Commission, to be comprised of 13 total members, 9 of which will be members of the public representing various industries, 3 of which are executive level members of the executive branch, and 1 member who represents local governments.

Requires that the Commission meet at least quarterly. Prohibits Commission members from receiving compensation, but such members may be reimbursed for expenses incurred for Commission duties, including travel expense reimbursement. Establishes goals and requirements of the Commission, which include:

- Create and implement a program for plastic, glass, and aluminum beverage containers that recovers 85 percent of beverage containers sold within this state, for the purpose of recycling;
- Reduce a key constituent of litter on the landscape, source of contamination to recycling systems, source of injury to wildlife and livestock, and threat to this state's agricultural industry by developing a carryout bag reduction program to address the proliferation of carryout bags, for the purpose of recycling;
- Develop and implement a statewide litter program to comprehensively address litter prevention and reduction; and
- Evaluate existing state laws, and any administrative rules pertaining to such laws, that address litter, report to the general assembly on the effectiveness of the laws and rules, and make recommendations on how the laws and rules may be improved upon.

Requires that such goals be completed by December 31, 2026. Requires the Commission to prepare a report and authorizes the Commission to promulgate rules.

Prior to development and implementation of any programs for the aforementioned goals and requirements, requires the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR) to research, evaluate, and develop recommendations in order to determine the most effective methods and actions necessary to effectuate this Act. TACIR must consult with the Commission, and the Commission is required to provide input as necessary.

**HB 2759 - SB 2693**

Places the Commission under sunset review, to be terminated on June 30, 2024.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

### **Increase State Expenditures - \$17,700/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years**

**Other Fiscal Impact - Due to numerous unknown variables, any future impact on state or local revenue and expenditures resulting from a new statewide litter program cannot be estimated with reasonable certainty.**

#### **Assumptions:**

- This legislation places this commission under sunset review, to be terminated on June 20, 2024; however, it is assumed that the Commission will be extended into perpetuity.
- The Commission shall meet quarterly, beginning in FY22-23.
- Meetings will be held over two days.
- The non-executive employees of the Commission will be reimbursed a total of \$442.25 for travel (\$129.25) and meals and lodging (\$313) per meeting.
- An annual increase in state expenditures in FY22-23 and subsequent years of \$17,690 (10 members x \$442.25 x 4 meetings).
- This legislation requires the Commission to develop and implement a statewide litter program to program to comprehensively address litter prevention and reduction.
- This program will result in a significant increase in state expenditures and possible impacts on state and local revenue and local expenditures.
- Due to numerous unknown variables, any future impact on state or local revenue and expenditures resulting of a new statewide litter program cannot be estimated with reasonable certainty.
- TACIR can complete the study required of this Act, utilizing existing resources.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

/jb